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1. OFFICIAL SOURCES CONFIRM THAT NO US-MADE "MACHINE TOOLS OR CLASSES OF MACHINE TOOLS" CAN BE CATEGORIZED AS THOSE FOR WHICH IMPORT LICENSES ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN.
 2. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, MACHINE TOOLS ARE CLASSIFIED BY ROC AS "PERMISSIBLE" IMPORTS, I.E., IMPORT LICENSE IS GRANTED AUTOMATICALLY WHEN IMPORTER APPLIES TO BANK FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE. NO SPECIAL APPLICATION TO BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) FOR IMPORT LICENSE IS NECESSARY. SOURCE OF IMPORT OF A FEW MACHINE TOOLS IS RESTRICTED TO SUPPLIERS IN EUROPE AND AMERICA: AUTOMATIC LATHES, MULTIPLE SPINDLE; SURFACE GRINDING MACHINES, SURFACE METAL WORKING; MACHINES FOR THREAD GRINDING, VERTICAL JIG BORING, GEAR CUTTING, VERTICAL HOBBING, AND GEAR FINISHING.
 3. CONTACTS AT BOFT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (IDB) CONFIRMED INFO PARA 2 ABOVE. BOFT ISSUES IMPORT LICENSES. BOFT SOURCE KNOWS OF NO DENIAL TO DATE OF APPLICATION TO IMPORT U.S. MACHINE TOOLS. IDB IS CHARGED WITH PROTECTION OF LOCAL INDUSTRY, IN ADDITION TO ITS DEVELOPMENT.
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IDB SOURCE REPORTS THAT IN PRINCIPLE IMPORTER OR END-USER

WHO WISHES TO IMPORT TYPE OF MACHINE WHICH CAN BE PRODUCED
LOCALLY SHOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR IMPORT LICENSE. TO DATE,
HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT ENFORCED IF IMPORTS ARE AMERICAN-MADE
MACHINE TOOLS.
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